Encroachment on land of Aligarh Muslim University

1370. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land worth crores of rupees belonging to the Aligarh Muslim University has been grabbed by the employees of AMU, including its teachers and a number of property dealers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no property officer in the Property Department of the university for the last ten years and a number of cases of property encroachment have been pending with the Department; if so, the details thereof and the action being proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by Aligarh Muslim University, around 150 cases pertaining to encroachment on land belonging to the University by its employees, including teachers, are pending in different courts of judicature. The university had already taken all possible steps to protect its land. The property officer in Property Department of the University has always been in position.

Punaya Committee report on Colleges/Universities

†1371. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punaya Committee in its report has recommended/ suggested a substantial increase in the number of Universities/Colleges;

(b) if so, what is Government's view;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to take a decision in this matter, keeping in view the poor students of different sections of the society; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.